



# Lexia® PowerUp Literacy®

The Research Speaks for Itself

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# Research-Proven Literacy Acceleration

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® is research-proven to accelerate literacy gains for students who are at risk of not meeting College- and Career-Ready Standards. Committed to education's highest efficacy standards, PowerUp has been awarded a **Strong rating by Evidence for ESSA** and Lexia's findings have been published in **peer-reviewed journals**.

The studies in this summary document include efficacy studies, validity reports, and a national progress report of over half a million students across the United States.

EVIDENCE  
for ESSA



## Program Effectiveness

5X

PowerUp was proven to be up to **5x as effective** as the average middle school reading intervention.

## Success on Common Interim Assessments

Completing PowerUp is correlated with higher scores on standardized literacy assessments.

### PowerUp Students

NWEA MAP® Growth™

99%

99% of students\* met the proficient level on MAP

STAR Reading®

40 ↑  
points higher

Users scored over 40 points higher than non-users on STAR Reading®

*Peer-Reviewed Publication Results*

FAST aReading

90%

90% of students\* were proficient on FAST aReading

*\*who completed the PowerUp program*

## Closing Skill Gaps

### 3 Grade Levels of Skills

**50%** of students using PowerUp consistently covered three grade levels of skills in the 2020-21 academic year

### Greater Proficiency on State Assessments

**33%** of students who were non-proficient on their state test in the previous year achieved proficiency after just one year of PowerUp use

## PowerUp Is Effective for All Students

PowerUp is effective for all students. It has been proven to help all students learn, regardless of their race/ethnicity and Emergent Bilingual or special education status.



**35%**

Emergent Bilinguals using PowerUp showed a **35% gain** on a reading fluency test.

*Peer-Reviewed Publication Results*

“Our PowerUp results were better than the results from other interventions I have seen as a school turnaround administrator. I would definitely recommend PowerUp as an intervention.”

– Dave Rice, Assistant Superintendent, Roseville Michigan Community Schools



# About PowerUp

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® accelerates literacy gains for students in grades 6–12, whether they are several grade levels behind or show some risk of not meeting College- and Career-Ready Standards. Proven to be up to 5x as effective as the average middle school intervention, PowerUp enables students to make multiple years of growth in a single academic year. PowerUp respects the maturity of the adolescent learner with high-interest authentic texts and motivational elements. Without stopping for a test, educators—regardless of their area of expertise—can assess students’ skill level and deliver the right instruction.

## Research Sources

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## Reviews by Research Organizations:

[Evidence for ESSA Strong Review](#)

## Lexia Internal Research and Reports:

[Lexia PowerUp Literacy US National Progress Report](#), [Lexia PowerUp Literacy MAP Report](#),

[Lexia PowerUp Literacy FAST aReading Report](#)

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